

REMARKS

Claims 38 and 54-61 are pending. No claim has been amended, canceled, or added in this paper. The Examiner required Applicants to "define the four (4) amino acids for X₁ X₂ X₃ X₄" recited in claim 60 and to "elect one of the GPI inositolglycan domains" recited in claim 61.

Accordingly, in claim 60, Applicants define X₁ as phenylalanine (Phe); X₂ as cysteine (Cys); X₃ as serine (Ser); and X₄ as serine (Ser). Alternatively, X₁ as isoleucine (Iso); X₂ as phenylalanine (Phe); X₃ as cysteine (Cys); and X₄ as serine (Ser). Thus, Applicants define the sequence represented by X₁ X₂ X₃ X₄ as either (a) Phe-Cys-Ser-Ser or (b) Iso-Phe-Cys-Ser. No claim currently depends from claim 60, but claim 60 depends from either of claims 54 or 58.

In claim 61, Applicants elect for examination the first species in the list recited in that claim. That is, Applicants elect species "EtN-P-[Ma2]Ma2Ma6Ma4Ga6Ino" for examination on the merits. No claim currently depends from claim 61, but claim 60 depends from either of claims 54 or 58.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution.

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